

## Church News

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our ministers and members as worthy of a trial.

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### NORTH CAROLINA.

**Raleigh:** The Men's Bible Class in the First Church Sunday school, famous for its leadership by Governor Glenn, during the latter's incumbency of office, is now in charge of Dr. George Summey, Jr., of the A. & M. College.

**Geneva:** Recently the Geneva congregation enjoyed a series of plain, forceful sermons by the Rev. J. S. Wood, of Weldon, N. C. Through the blessing of God on the gospel messages the church was quickened and nine professed their faith in Christ. Six of these united with the Geneva church. We give God the glory.

J. F. C.

**Forest City:** Thanksgiving services were held in this church on Sunday, Nov. 28, instead of Thursday prior. A program had been prepared for the occasion and was duly carried out. Music and addresses were the principal features, all of which proved to be interesting. A large congregation attended and responded with a good thank offering for the Barium Springs Orphanage. The Sunday school of this church is becoming more interested in our orphanage all the while; this is evidenced by its increasing contributions to that cause.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the church is also growing in usefulness and members. At a recent meeting two new members were added to the roll of membership. We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ramseur, of Shelby, to our town and feel sure their presence among us is quite helpful to our little band of Presbyterians here.

Pastor.

**Davidson:** In Wilmington, on last Sunday, President Smith and Field Agent Rev. Dr. T. W. Lingle spoke in the interest of Davidson's endowment fund, following the work up with a special canvass during the week. Reports from there seem to indicate that St. Andrews church has subscribed about \$8,000, a handsome sum for this church, and that probably \$4,000 or \$5,000 may be expected from the First Church. Those in charge of the campaign are quite confident now that it can be carried to a successful issue, if the churches continue to do as well as those already reached have done.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Anderson:** Central church. A telling Evangelistic meeting came to a close in the Central Presbyterian church, of which Rev. Bunyan McLeod is pastor, last Sunday, Nov. 28, conducted by the noted Indian evangelist, Rev. F. H. Wright. The church has never before been so aroused concerning a deeper spiritual life. Quite a number professed conversion, many uniting with other churches. Twelve

united with the Central Presbyterian church, a total of fifty-eight for the last twelve months. Every branch of the church work feels the impetus of this great meeting.

### TENNESSEE.

**Columbia:** The First Church has recently enjoyed a visit from its former pastor, Dr. T. A. Wharton, now of Sherman, Texas.

**Decherd:** Rev. H. B. Zernow, recently of Humboldt, Tenn., has taken charge of the Decherd Church.

**Knoxville:** Thanksgiving week was a full one for Central church. Tuesday evening witnessed the Thanksgiving Reception of the church, bringing together a splendid gathering for a delightful social hour. A thank offering was made for Monroe Harding Orphanage. Wednesday evening was the service of prayer and thanksgiving; and, while our church united with others in the union service Thursday, the pastor, Rev. Leroy G. Henderson, preached the Thanksgiving sermon at Cedar Springs church, 11 miles distant, where another fine offering was made for our Orphanage. Friday afternoon the women of the church assembled in large numbers for their thanksgiving missionary meeting. The program was delightful and inspiring. Sabbath before and after Thanksgiving, the pastor preached on "Practical Thanksgiving."

**West Nashville:** The people of this congregation filled the church to its limit Sunday night, Nov. 28, and were greatly edified and stimulated by a very interesting and most excellent address from Rev. H. F. Williams, D. D., editor of "The Missionary," on "Travels in Korea," illustrated by clear and beautiful stereopticon views of his own collecting. There is nothing like showing people what is being done by the Gospel in other lands to stir them to greater effort and self-sacrifice. Every church in the Assembly that can arrange to do so should by all means have Dr. Williams come and give a stereopticon lecture in his own pleasing, helpful way.

C. O'N. M.

### TEXAS.

**Corsicana:** Rev. Chas. Oberschmidt, the new pastor, has arrived from Mississippi and taken charge. Correspondents will note his change of address.

**Presbytery of Paris:** The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call Presbytery of Paris to convene in First Church, Taxarkana, at 8 p. m., December 13, to transact the following business if the way be clear: (6) To receive Rev. T. M. Stribling from Fort Worth Presbytery. (Supplement to call issued November 26.)

Edgar W. Williams, Mod.

**Austin:** Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, secretary of evangelism of our General Assembly, has just held a fine meeting of fifteen days in Highland, the University Presbyterian church, of Austin, Texas. His methods are conservative and without objectionable features. He uses cards and has no standing, coming forward, or other methods producing excitement. He preaches strong sermons, calls for the

cards to be signed, and then dismisses the congregation without prolonging the services. Mr. Fisher's fine devotional singing is quite a large factor. I feel sure that none of the bad results so frequently following revival services will follow his meeting, but that good results will continue.

S. E. Chandler.

**The Synodical Missionary Committee of Texas,** met in fourth annual session at San Angelo Tex., November 18-20. Five of the nine missionary unions were represented. Reports showed more interest and greater zeal in the work. An intensely interesting and instructive address was given Friday afternoon by Rev. L. C. Vass, of Africa. The meeting was most spiritual and uplifting. Mrs. Chris G. Dulling was re-elected chairman and Mrs. Fred S. Robbins, secretary and treasurer. After expressing thanks for the royal hospitality of the good people of San Angelo, the committee adjourned to meet at Sherman, during Synod in October, 1910.

**Georgetown:** The church at this place has recently had quite an affliction in the illness of its pastor, Rev. M. C. Hutton, and his family. He is just getting up from a three weeks' spell of fever, and now has a daughter who has been in bed with typhoid fever for twenty-four days, fever still running to 105. He is still unable to preach. Then again, one of his lady members unexpectedly came upon a number of men, who were plotting to murder the president of one of the banks, and overheard their plot. She at once told her husband and precautions were taken to guard against it. Her husband, thereupon, received an anonymous letter, stating that his home would be burned and his wife killed. After night she went out to draw a bucket of water, when the miscreant, wearing a mask, ran up and threw a bottle of acid at her, striking the windlass, breaking the bottle and horribly burning her face and arms. Then grasping her by the arm and throat, said: "When I get done with you, madam, you will reveal no more plots." Her screams brought her husband to her relief, but the miscreant escaped. She is suffering intensely from the injuries received. Mr. Hutton has the sincere sympathy of his friends here. Twice, during the late Synod at San Angelo, prayers were offered by the Synod for the recovery of his family from their affliction.

W. Y. Chester.

### VIRGINIA.

**Petersburg:** Rev. J. S. Foster, having accepted the call to the first church of Birmingham, Ala., will discontinue his ministry in the Tabb Street church early in January, and will immediately enter upon the work of his new charge. The people of Petersburg of all denominations deeply regret that they are to lose the valuable services of Dr. Foster as a minister and his fine influence as a citizen.

**Dayton:** Rev. J. A. Trostle, of Timber Ridge, Va., has been assisting the pastor in a series of services with very beneficial results. The church has felt the